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1. ASEAN

PREPARATIONS GOING AHEAD FOR INDUSTRY CO-OP MTG BETWN
ASEAN/EEC SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE IN JAKARTA NEXT FEB.
OFFICIALS EXPECT ABOUT 200 INDUSTRY REPS FROM EEC/100-150
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FROM ASEAN BE PRESENT FOR FOLLOW-UP TO BRUSSELS MTG IN
4/77. JOC'S DREYER (BRUSSELS 8/7) SAYS EEC SPOKESMEN
ARE PLEASED THAT REQUEST FOR 2ND MTG CAME FROM ASEAN REPS.
NOTES EUROPEANS WILL BE REPRESENTED JOINTLY BY EEC/MAJOR
INTER-EUR BANKING GROUPS.

AP (CHITRIB 8/8) NOTES US MADE STRONGEST VERBAL COMMITMENT
TO ESTABLISHMENT COMMON FUND TO STABILIZE WORLD COMMODITY
PRICES AT CLOSE OF 2-DAY ASEAN MTG IN WASHINGTON. SAYS
FUND IS PRESSING CONCERN OF 3RD WORLD NATIONS THAT RELY ON

EXPORT OF RAW MATERIALS, WHICH CAN FLUCTUATE WILDLY IN PRICE, EXPOSING THEIR ECONOMIES TO CYCLES OF BOOM/BUST. SAYS THEIR IDEA IS FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE 6 BIL DOLS TO FUND THAT WOULD BUY UP COMMODITIES WHEN DEMAND IS HIGH TO PREVENT PRICES RISING TOO RAPIDLY. NOTES US HAS SAID IT DOES NOT WANT CONTRIBUTE TO FUND THAT CAN

ITSELF BUY COMMODITIES, BUT WANTS FUND SERVE AS FINANCING BASE FOR MULTILAT STRUCTURE THAT WOULD COVER SPECIFIC ITEMS, GIVING US 2 POINTS OF CONTROL OVER WAY SYSTEM WOULD OPERATE.

2. CAMBODIA

REUTER NOTES DOS OFFICIALS SAID MONDAY THEY SEE NO EARLY PROSPECT FOR NORMALIZING RELS W/CAMBODIA, DESPITE DEP PM SARY'S SAYING IN "LE MONDE" THERE WAS "NO PROBLEM" ABOUT EST DIPLO RELS IF US WILLING. SOURCE SAID, "TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME CAMBODIA HAS SAID IT WAS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS" W/US.

3. CHINA

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"PD" REPORTS CHINESE MEDICAL SOCIETY RECENTLY HELD NATL SEMINAR ON NEUROLOGY/PSYCHIATRY IN NANKING W/MORE THAN 1400 PAPERS PRESENTED. DECLARES PRC HAS REACHED "WORLD'S ADVANCED LEVELS IN OPERATIVE TREATMENT OF INJURIES OF THE SKULL AND BRAIN...AND IN OPERATIVE TREATMENT OF CEREBRAL TUMORS" (REUTER PEKING).

AP (MOSCOW) REPORTS BREZHNEV-CEAUSESCU MET 8/7 AT CRIMEAN RETREAT WHERE SOVIET PRES IS VACATIONING. SAYS CONF SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT COMES WK BEFORE ROMANIAN VISIT BY HUA KUO-FENG (SUN). WP'S DODER (MOSCOW) SAYS CEAUSESCU, AFTER CONFERRING W/BREZHNEV ALL DAY, APPARENTLY FAILED EASE SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT CHINA'S INTRUSION INTO EEUROPE THRU RELS W/ROMANIA. NOTES COMMUNIQUE WAS "UNUSUALLY TERSE, UNDERSCORING THE STRAINED RELATIONS" BETWN THEM. OBSERVES THAT HUA'S FORTHCOMING VISIT HAS TOUCHED ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE NERVE BECAUSE IT IS UNPRECEDENTED DISPLAY OF CHINESE INTEREST IN REGION REGARDED AS VITAL BY KREMLIN.

DODER SAYS HUA'S BUCHAREST VISIT IS PARTICULARLY DISQUIETING TO SOVIET, FOR BY FORMING FIRM ALLIANCE W/PEKING, ROMANIANS ARE BELIEVED TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION TO RESIST SOVIET PRESSURES FOR GREATER INTEGRATION W/IN MIL ALLIANCE. SAYS PEKING'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS EFFORT IS VIEWED AS RUNNING PARALLEL TO US EFFORTS TO WEAKEN SOVIET BLOC. NOTES SOVIETS, W/O OPEN POLEMICS, ARE SHOWING THEIR

ANNOYANCE BY INCREASED ANTI-CHINESE PROPAGANDA.

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

ACCORDING NYT'S KAMM (TA PHRAYA 8/4), SUDDEN SPURT IN ARRIVALS OF REFUGEES FROM NW CAMBODIA--LARGEST FLOW SINCE END OF WAR--IS RESULT OF THINNING OUT OF MIL FORCES IN THAT REGION AS THEY ARE TRANSFERRED TO VIET-CAMBODIAN BORDER. SAYS 318 REFUGEES REGISTERED IN THAI DIST IN LAST UNCLASSIFIED

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2 WKS AS COMPARED W/TOTAL 700 IN ALL OF THAILAND SINCE NOV. QUOTES REFUGEES THAT THEIR ESCAPE WAS SPURRED BY REALIZATION THAT STERN GUARD UNDER WHICH THEY HAD BEEN LIVING WAS SLIPPING. SAYS SOME WERE WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE, MORE BY MINES/BOOBY TRAPS, MORE YET BY STEPPING ON BAMBOO SPIKES IMPLANTED TO MAKE FRONTIER IMPASSABLE. OF 40 WHO STARTED OUT IN ONE GROUP, ONLY 20 MADE IT TO THAILAND (ALSO CARRIED SUN 8/5).

SOMEWHERE IN S CHINA SEA, CONVERTED NAVY LANDING SHIP WAITS TO DO JOB NO GOVT WANTS, ACCORDING AP'S ARNETT (LAT 8/3; PHINQ 8/8). SHIP HAS BEEN CHARTERED BY "WORLD VISION INTL" TO USE AS FLOATING AID CENTER FOR VIET BOAT PEOPLE FLEEING ACROSS S CHINA SEA. SERVICES PASSING FISHING BOATS FILLED W/REFUGEES, OFFERING THEM FOOD/WATER, MED AID/COMPASSES. "OFFICIALLY WE COULDN'T TELL THEM WHAT DIRECTION TO TAKE, OR EVEN POINT THEM THE RIGHT WAY," SAID GROUP PRES STANLEY MOONEYHAM. "THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES BARELY TOLERATE OUR ACTIVITIES BECAUSE THEY ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT ACCEPTING THE REFUGEES. IT IS LUDICROUS THAT HUMAN LIFE IS HELD SO CHEAPLY," HE SAID IN INTERVIEW AFTER RETURNING FROM SEASIA.

ARNETT NOTES THAT SINCE SHIP BEGAN ITS 50,000-DOL-A-MONTH MERCY MISSION IN EARLY JULY, PRES CARTER HAS ORDERED US SHIPS PICK UP REFUGEES, THO NONE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP YET. "WORLD VISION," CHRISTIAN CHARITY, GETS ITS MONEY FROM DONATIONS/HAS ON BOARD 2 CHINESE NURSES/INDIAN DOC/ US CPT/CREW OF 8/MECHANIC/INTERPRETER; SAYS IT TRAVELS COURSE KNOWN FAVORED BY BOAT PEOPLE.

5. JAPAN

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US COMMERCE DEPT ASST SECY WEIL TOLD TOKYO NEWS CONF 8/7 THAT RAPID ELIMINATION OF JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS W/US SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED. ADDED THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE JAPANESE IMPORTERS ARE NOT PASSING THRU TO JAPANESE

CONSUMERS FULL EFFECT OF YEN APPRECIATION (REUTER 8/7;
WP'S CHAPMAN).

6. KOREA

KIM DAE-JUNG IS PERFORMING DAY-LONG FAST TUES TO MARK
ANNIVERSARY OF HIS KIDNAPPING, ACCORDING HIS WIFE, WHO
SAID FAST ALSO MEANT TO SYMPATHIZE W/SOME RELATIVES OF
JAILED DISSIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ON HUNGER STRIKE AT
PLACE IN N SEOUL SINCE LAST THURS (REUTER SEOUL).

WSJ'S HILL REPORTS "AMERICAN HOSPITAL SUPPLY CORP" HAS
ACCUSED "FOREMOST-MCKESSON INC" OF ARRANGING 32-MIL-DOL
SK CONTRACT THAT ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS
TO PRES PARK ASSOCIATES--WHICH, "AMERICAN HOSPITAL" SAYS
IN SUIT, "MCKESSON" DIDN'T TELL IT ABOUT.

7. PHILIPPINES

REUTER (MANILA) REPORTS PHILS NATL YOUTH GROUP 8/6,
IN OPEN LTR SIGNED BY ITS CHRMN, "IMELDA" MARCOS, CALLED
FOR CLOSURE OF US BASES THERE. LTR FROM GROUP, WHICH
BOASTS ABOUT 10 MIL FILIPINO TEENAGERS, SAID BASES "ARE
CLEAR EVIDENCE OF OUR BEING AMERICAN STOOGES BECAUSE THEY
REPRESENT FOREIGN INTERESTS" (CHITRIB).

8. CHINA/VIETNAM

VICE FONMINS OF CHINA/VN MET IN HANOI TUES FOR 1ST ROUND
OF NEGOTS ON ETHNIC CHINESE IN VN. CHINESE DEL HEADED BY
CHUNG HSI-TUNG, VIET BY HOANG BICH SON, WHO, ACCORDING
REUTER (PEKING), WILL DISCUSS HOW HALT EXODUS CHINESE/
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BROADER ISSUES AS WELL. QUOTES SENIOR CHINESE SOURCE THAT
THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THAT
TALKS COULD GO ON FOR LONG TIME. NOTES GAP BETWN 2 SIDES
EMPHASIZED MONDAY WHEN RADIO HANOI ACCUSED PRC OF HAVING
CAUSED MASS EXODUS CHINESE IN "ATTEMPT TO CAUSE TROUBLE
AND UNREST FOR VIETNAM." BROADCAST SAID "GAPING WOUNDS"
BETWN 2 COULD ONLY BE HEALED BY GOODWILL ON BOTH SIDES.

9. VIETNAM

TWENTY-NINE WIVES/CHILDREN OF AMERICANS SRV RELEASED FOR
REUNION W/THEIR FAMILIES ARRIVED IN BANGKOK MONDAY ON 1ST
LEG OF JOURNEY TO US. SPOKESMAN FOR US CONGRESSIONAL DEL
SAID MOVE WAS "VERY BIG BREAKTHROUGH" IN REUNITING
FAMILIES SPLIT AT END OF WAR. DEL SAID SRV "VERY, VERY
ANXIOUS" TO NORMALIZE RELS W/US. THO GROUP SAID THEY DID
NOT DISCUSS POL MATTERS W/VIETS WHEN THEY PICKED UP
FAMILIES, ARCHBISHOP PHILIP HANNON SAID VIETS "DEDICATED

TO DEVELOPING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS" W/US, "ESPECIALLY ON HUMANITARIAN GOALS."

GROUP, WHICH MET W/PHAM VAN DONG, ALSO WENT TO VN TO STUDY ITS ECON/SOCIAL NEEDS, IS EXPECTED SUBMIT REPORT IN WASHINGTON. TOLD NEWS CONF VN REQUIRES EXTENSIVE AID TO ALLEVIATE SHORTAGES OF FOOD/MEDICINE/SOLVE RANGE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS (AP BANGKOK, WP; ALSO WSJ).

NYT'S KAMM (BANGKOK) NOTES REPORTS BY DEL MEMBERS THAT VIET OFFICIALS, INCL PM, EXPRESSED READINESS TO SPEED FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS W/O IMPOSING CONDITIONS ON US. STAFF CONSULTANT ON JUDICIARY CMTE'S REFUGEE SUBCMTE, JERRY TINKER, SAID DIR VIET CONSULAR SERVICES ASSURED HIM FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS COULD ALSO INCL REFUGEES WHO LEFT UNCLASSIFIED

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VN AFTER '75, THO HE POINTED OUT TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES OF ESTABLISHING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS/LOCATING RELATIVES (REPRINTED SUN).

SEN KENNEDY, WHO SENT DEL TO VN, SAID REUNITING OF FAMILIES "MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN RESOLVING THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUES LEFT AFTER THE WAR." NOTED SRV "CLEARLY RECOGNIZED THAT THIS ACTION CAN BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN PROVIDING FOR A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS" (REUTER 8/7).

SUN, PHINQ, CSM RUN PHOTOS OF ARRIVAL/REUNITING OF FAMILIES IN BANGKOK.

WSJ QUOTES DOS THAT US WON'T LIFT TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST VN UNTIL 2 COUNTRIES PREPARED RESUME RELS. NOTES TECHNICALLY, EMBARGO EXPIRES 9/14, BUT DOS DOESN'T PLAN LIFT EMBARGO SINCE INTERESTS "BEST SERVED WHEN TRADE IS CONDUCTED" IN ATMOSPHERE OF NORMAL DIPLO RELS.

WB EXPECTED APPROVE TUES BANK'S 1ST LOAN TO VN SINCE WAR; 60-MIL-DOL LOAN WILL HELP FINANCE DAU TIENG IRRIGATION PROJECT (WSJ). AP (SUN) REPORTS SRV RECEIVED 30 MIL DOLS FROM IMF FRI, BRINGING TOTAL AID FROM IMF TO SRV TO 115 MIL DOLS.

10. THAILAND

SPEAKING BEFORE SECRETARIES ATTENDING TRAINING COURSE, WIFE OF FORMER THAI PM SENI PRAMOJ QUOTED AS SAYING THAILAND SHOULD CONSIDER DRAFTING WOMEN INTO ARMY (AP, PHINQ).

THAI BAHT REVALUED AGAINST DOL AT 20.175 BAHT PER DOL BUYING RATE/20.225 BAHT PER DOL SELLING RATE--ONE PCT

ADJUSTMENT. JOC'S LORENZ (BANGKOK) SAYS REVALUATION
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DESIGNED PUT DENT ON INFLATIONARY PRESSURE/CURB APPREHEN-

SION OVER INFLATION AS PART OF ENTIRE PKG AIMED AT SLOW-
ING DOWN THAI INFLATION RATE OF ALMOST 10 PCT. QUOTES
BANKERS/BUSINESSMEN THAT ACTION WELL TIMED/WILL BE
FAVORABLE TO ECON.

11. GENERAL

DRUG SMUGGLERS IN ASIA TRYING NEW TECHNIQUE, ACCORDING
REUTER (HK, CSM). SAYS HK AIRPORT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS
RECENTLY FOUND BATH TOWELS IMPREGNATED W/HEROIN WORTH
107,000 DOLS IN SUITCASE OF 2 THAIS. SAYS CUSTOMS
OFFICERS IN THAILAND ALSO REPORTED FINDING HEROIN IN
TOWELS.

ACCORDING JOC SPEC (HONOLULU), UNDISCOVERED OIL POTENTIAL
OF FAR EAST COMPARES FAVORABLY W/AFR/LA/IS ALMOST 2/3
POTENTIAL OF BOTH N AMERICA/MIDEAST. THIS ASSESSMENT GIVEN
AT 2ND CIRCUM-PAC ENERGY/MINERAL RESOURCES CONF IN
HONOLULU. QUOTES ESSO EXPLORATION'S FOX THAT INDO'S
RESERVES MOST IMPT IN WHOLE AREA, W/35 PCT OF RESERVES
PRODUCED TO DATE/PRODUCTION HITTING 1.7 MIL BARRELS/DAY.
FOX SAID INDO'S PRODUCTION OVERSHADOWED AUSSIE PRODUCTION,
THAT NEXT MOST IMPT AREA IN FAR EAST IS BRUNEI. NOTED
PRC SHOWS NUMBER IMPT ACTIVE OIL FIELDS IN N-C REGION,
BUT THAT ONLY 13 PCT OF COUNTRY'S EST 20 BIL BARRELS OF
DISCOVERED RESERVES THUS FAR PRODUCED.

FOX CAUTIONED THAT POTENTIAL ASSIGNED CHINA MAY BE
OVERSTATED. ALSO NOTED ROC PRODUCES 35 PCT OF 1-5 BIL
BARRELS OF DISCOVERED RESERVES WHILE JAPAN'S RESOURCES
ARE 84 PCT DEPLETED. SAYS FAR EAST IS 6TH IN WORLD
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ESTIMATED OIL POTENTIAL, THAT TO DEVELOP MORE, IN
"DIFFICULT POLITICAL ENVIRONMENTS," PRIV ENTERPRISE MAY
HAVE CHANGE ITS PRESENT EXPLORATION STRATEGY/ASSUME ROLE
OF TECH SUPPLIER/SERVICE CONTRACTOR, WATCHING OTHERS
DEVELOP POTENTIAL RESERVES.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. ASEAN

CSM EDIT (8/7) POINTS OUT ASEAN STATES ARE OF GREAT
INTEREST TO PRC/USSR/OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT THAT NEWSPAPERS'

FRONT PAGES MORE OR LESS IGNORED US-ASEAN MTG LAST WK. THINKS MORE PUBLIC ATTENTION SHOULD BE DRAWN TO GROUPING/ QUOTES SINGAPORE FONMIN RAJARATNAM THAT US HAS 2ND CHANCE IN SEASIA "TO PROVE WHAT IT FAILED TO DO THE FIRST TIME IN INDOCHINA--THAT THE NONCOMMUNIST WAY CAN PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES."

CSM CALLS FOR FOLLOW-UP TO CONF W/CONCRETE MEASURES, SUCH AS FREEING TRADE CHANNELS. QUOTES SENIOR US OFFICIAL BEFORE OPENING OF TALKS THAT "MOST IMPORTANT FACT IS THAT THIS MEETING IS TAKING PLACE AT ALL."

IN VIEW OF ASEAN MTG, CARL ROWAN (WSTAR 8/4; BALT SUN 8/5) MAKES OBSERVATION RE AMERICA'S OBSESSIVE FEAR OF COMMUNISM: COMMUNISTS NEVER TURN OUT AS UNERRING/OMNIPOTENT/LOVABLE, IN EYES OF 3RD WORLD, AS US CONSERVATIVES PREDICT. NOTES IT ONCE WAS ARTICLE OF CONSERVATIVE FAITH THAT WHEN US GAVE UP IN VN, "DOMINOES" WOULD FALL/COMMUNISM WOULD SWEEP ACROSS ASIA. INSTEAD, POINTS OUT POL RIVALRIES IN AREA/FACT THAT NO ECON REGION OF WORLD ENJOYS BOOM THAT IS TAKING PLACE IN FAR EAST, THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES ARE MORE STABLE POLITICALLY THAN DECADE AGO. OPINES COMMUNISM IS NOT "WAVE OF THE FUTURE" IN ASIA/CALLS ON US CONTINUE DOING WHAT IS "RIGHT AND JUST."
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13. VIETNAM/CHINA

NORFOLK VIRGINIAN PILOT EDIT (7/6) TRACES SOVIET/CHINESE INFLUENCE IN VN THRU YRS, OBSERVES RUSSIANS STAYING ON TOP IN THEIR CONTEST W/PRC FOR VN'S FAVOR--BUT NOT W/O COST. NOTES RUSSIANS SEEM DISPOSED PAY PRICE FOR SRV'S INCLUSION IN COMECON JUST AS THEY HAVE BORNE BURDEN OF CUBA'S MEMBERSHIP--BECAUSE THEIR ALLIANCE W/VN "DISCOMFORTS THEIR ENEMY."

WP'S CHILDS (PEKING 8/1) CONTENDS VIET DRIVE TO FORCE OUT ETHNIC CHINESE IS SEEN IN PEKING AS BEGINNING OF MOVE TO ESTABLISH ANOTHER HOSTILE FRONT W/SOVIET BASES/SOVIET PORTS. DESCRIBES HOW ETHNIC CHINESE PROBLEM BEGAN: AT BANQUET GIVEN IN HANOI FOR MOSCOW DEL, RUSSIANS NOTED THAT ALL WAITERS WERE CHINESE/SAID CHINESE PRESENCE IN VN WAS DANGER THAT SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. CHILDS CHARACTERIZES CHINESE REACTION TO VIET ACTION AS ONE OF HURT FEELINGS/HOSTILITY. QUOTES HIGH OFFICIAL: "TO THINK THAT WE GAVE THEM MORE THAN 10 BILLION DOLLARS IN WEAPONS, FOOD AND CLOTHING...AT A TIME WHEN WE OURSELVES WERE BEING RATIONED."

CHILDS NOTES STRAIN OF NEW BORDER THREAT COMES AS CHINESE ARE WORKING TO RECOVER FROM CR. OPINES PRC WAS ON VERGE OF CIVIL WAR WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN ITS ENEMIES UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY/LEFT GAPING HOLE IN TRIPARTITE BASE

CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL ASSURANCE FOR STABILITY IN N PACIFIC.

14. CHINA

OREGON U PROF THOMAS THOMPSON (SUN 8/3) SAYS CARTER ADMIN
HAS DECIDED THAT CO-OP W/PRC IS ONE OF MOST EFFECTIVE
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MEANS OF MAKING ITS DISPLEASURE W/SOVIET FELT. FEELS WHILE
RELS W/PEKING "MAKE GOOD POLITICAL SENSE AND ARE LONG
OVERDUE, THERE ARE REASONS TO KEEP ONE'S OPTIMISM IN CHECK.
AND THESE REASONS HAVE TO DO WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF
14 MILLION TAIWANESE WHO WERE NEVER CONSULTED ABOUT THE
NATIONALIST REGIME THAT RULES THEM." COMPLAINS THAT ROC,
W/US HELP, HAS BUILT UP "MILITARY-POLICE STATE SO POWER-
FUL" THAT PEKING'S LEADERS MUST WAIT "MANY YEARS BEFORE
THEY EVEN CONSIDER USING FORCE TO SETTLE OLD SCORES WITH
THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS. IT HAS ALSO SUPPRESSED DISSENT
AS EFFECTIVELY AS DISSENT IS SUPPRESSED IN THE PRC.
WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHAT THE TAIWANESE THINK OR WANT."

WRITING IN SCM (8/4), RBT REFORD (FORMER EXECUTIVE DIR
OF "CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS") RECALLS
HEARING IN PRC PREDICTION THAT WAR W/SOVIET IS INEVITABLE.
PUTTING HIMSELF IN SOVIETS' SHOES, SUGGESTS THEY SEE
POTENTIAL CHINESE MIL THREAT AND SO WOULD BE NEGLIGENT IF
THEY FAILED STATION MEN ALONG BORDER. ASKS: "IS IT
POSSIBLE, THEN, THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT AGGRESSORS,
BUT ARE ONLY TAKING WHAT SEEM TO THEM TO BE PRUDENT PRE-
CAUTIONS? IS THIS ANOTHER OCCASION WHEN POLICY MAY BE
BASED ON MISPERCEPTIONS?" FEELS "SURELY BOTH CHINA AND
RUSSIA WANT PEACE INSTEAD OF WAR."

JACK ANDERSON (WP 8/4) SAYS TOP PEKING OFFICIALS
RECENTLY CONFIDED TO CONGRESSIONAL DEL THAT THEY HAVE
INAUGURATED 8-YR PLAN TO BRING COUNTRY'S SCIENTIFIC
EXPERTISE UP TO WESTERN LEVELS, AND AS PART OF PLAN ARE
QUIETLY EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF GENETIC ENGINEERING--
W/GENETIC RESEARCH EVENTUALLY APPLYING TO HUMANS AND TO
AGRIC.

IN POSHAN, WP'S J MATHEWS (8/1) SAYS CHINESE, IN WHAT
APPEARS CONSUMER REVOLUTION, ARE BEGINNING PURSUE STATUS
SYMBOLS W/ALMOST CAPITALISTIC FERVOR, W/PRIVATE OWNERSHIP
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OF TV BECOMING SIGN OF PRESTIGE FOR WORKERS.

LAT'S L MATHEWS (NANNING 8/4) FINDS THAT DESPITE CULTURAL
REAWAKENING THAT HAS FILLED HUNDREDS OF PREVIOUSLY DARKENED

THEATERS W/NEW PRODUCTIONS/REVIVALS OF LONG-BANNED PLAYS, MOVIES, POLITICS CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN. SAYS POST-MAO'S MUCH VAUNTED BLOSSOMING OF CHINESE CULTURE SEEMS TO MEAN PRIMARILY THAT COUNTRY'S PLAYWRIGHTS/

ARTISTS/WRITERS ARE FREE TO WORK AGAIN--BUT ONLY SO LONG AS THEY OBSERVE CERTAIN LIMITS.

EARLIER (7/30), IN HK, L MATHEWS OBSERVED NEW CHINESE EMPHASIS ON TEST SCORES/GRADES FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION. NOTES NEW LEADERSHIP HAS SOUGHT AVERT CRITICISM BY PROMISING THAT WHENEVER CHILD OF PEASANT AND CHILD OF INTELLECTUAL ACHIEVE EQUAL MARKS, PRIORITY DEFINITELY WILL BE GIVEN PEASANT. MATHEWS COMMENTS THAT SUCH ASSURANCES OVERLOOK FACT THAT YOUTHS FROM VILLAGES/COMMUNES ARE AT DISTINCT DISADVANTAGE IN ANY ACADEMIC CONTEST. NOTES PEKING RULERS ACKNOWLEDGE THIS GAP, BUT HAVE MADE CLEAR THEY ARE NOT BACKING DOWN ON EXAMS.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S FRASER (PEKING 8/1) SUGGESTS NOW THAT CHINESE WOMEN HAVE STARTED WEARING SKIRTS, NEXT BIG SOCIAL CHANGE MAY BE OLD-FASHIONED, BODY-CONTACT DANCING TO RECORDS AND PROMISE OF LIVE CHINESE BANDS (CHITRIB).

WRITING IN NYT (7/30), "ESQUIRE" CONTRIBUTING EDITOR MARYLIN BENDER RECALLS HER FAMILY'S 10-DAY JUNE TOUR OF PRC ORGANIZED BY PAN AM. SAYS TURNED OUT TO BE "MOST FASCINATING OF OUR SEVERAL ADVENTURES IN COUNTRIES...WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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IT CAN BE EXASPERATING TO GO IT ALONE." CITES 2 ASPECTS WHICH MADE TOUR PECULIAR: ADVICE GIVEN GROUP BY PAN AM IN TOKYO THAT THEY SHOULD CONSIDER THEMSELVES USG REPS, LEAVE CHINESE W/GOOD FEELING, AVOIDING CRITICISM OF CHINESE POL LEADERS. SAYS SECOND ODDITY WAS GROUP'S RELATIONSHIP W/GUIDES--ON ONE HAND THEY PROVIDED TOURISTS ALMOST EXCLUSIVE CONTACT W/CHINESE PEOPLE; BUT, IN BIZARRE TWIST, OWING TO GUIDES' WOEFULLY RESTRICTED KNOWLEDGE, TOURISTS WERE CONVERTED INTO THEIR INSTRUCTORS OF ART/HISTORY/ENGLISH.

NYT'S SCHONBERG (7/30) FINDS THAT WRITING ABOUT PRC "PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY" IN US "INEVITABLY" STARTS HIM THINKING ABOUT 10-DAY '73 VISIT OF PHILA ORCHESTRA TO PRC.

EMILY HAHN (NYT 7/30) REVIEWS "THE FACE OF CHINA" (GOOD-RICH/CAMERON), AND "IMPERIAL CHINA" (WORSWICK/SPENCE). SAYS SEEKER AFTER KNOWLEDGE OF CHING DYNASTY CHINA WILL FIND PLENTY OF ABSORBING MATERIAL IN ALL THESE PHOTOS/ ACCOMPANYING TEXTS. SAYS VOLUMES BEAR OUT THAT CHINA

IS "FASCINATING COUNTRY, THEN AND NOW."

DAVID LATTIMORE REVIEWS "THE EXECUTION OF MAYOR YIN" (CHEN JO-HSI) AND "THE COLDEST WINTER IN PEKING" (HSIA CHIH-

YEN). SAYS UNOFFICIAL AUTHORS IN CHINA HAVE RARELY PUBLISHED ABROAD, BUT WE KNOW THEY ARE ACTIVE. EXPLAINS THAT THIS MATERIAL SLOW TO REACH OUTSIDE WORLD, PARTLY BECAUSE MUCH OF IT CIRCULATES ORALLY. WELCOMES THESE VOLUMES AS "OUR FIRST RECENT EXAMPLES OF CHINESE CRITICAL FICTION." SAYS THEY ARE NEWS, ARE ALSO ART (NYT 7/30).

ACCORDING WM BUCKLEY(NYPOST 8/3), WHEN GEO BUSH SPOKE BEFORE SFO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL IN LATE JULY, "IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE AUDIENCE WAS LISTENING TO A CANDIDATE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT." CONTENTS "THE POINT SYSTEM UNDOUBTEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE WIDE EXPERIENCE" OF BUSH, CITING HIS SERVICE AT USLO. NOTES BUSH SPOKE AT SFO ABOUT PRC, "AND WHAT HE SAID WAS MOSTLY REASSURING TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE US MUST STAND BY ITS COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN."

O EDMUND CLUBB WRITES NYT AGREEING W/ITS POSITION, AND PROF MORGENTHAU'S, THAT US PLAYING "CHINA CARD" IS LIKELY COMPLICATE RELS W/SOVIET. CAUTIONS "GUNS BEAR NO ALLIANCE," AND WHEN PEKING HAS ACQUIRED MIL TRAPPINGS OF GREAT POWER, DON'T GAMBLE THAT IT WILL FIRST CHOOSE TAKE ON SOVIET--"THAT IS NOT THE CHINESE GAME." SAYS PRC, WHERE ITS OWN STRENGTH MIGHT BE ENGAGED, WILL UNDERTAKE FIRST TO OVERCOME LESSER ANTAGONISTS--SOME OF WHOM MIGHT BE US FRIENDS, EVEN ALLIES.

IN SOOCHOW, MARQ CHILDS DISCUSSES BOOMING CHINESE TOURIST INDUSTRY. SAYS PEKING'S CHANGED STANCE ON PERMITTING VISITORS IS BELIEVED RELATED TO HARD CURRENCY CHINESE NEED TO BUY SCIENCE/TECH ESSENTIAL TO MODERNIZATION (WP).

15. ADD COMMENT - VIETNAM/CHINA

WITH PRC/SRV TALKS BEGINNING 8/8, CSM'S MORITZ (HK 7/31) WONDERS WHO HAS COME OUT AHEAD IN RECENT CONFRONTATION/WHAT PROSPECTS ARE FOR KEEPING IT UNDER CONTROL. SAYS SOME NOTE THAT PRC HAS RETURNED TO ORIGINAL VIET PROPOSAL FOR TALKS WHILE OTHERS SEE THAT PRC HAS MADE ITS POINT, ESP ABOUT USE BY SOVIETS OF VIET NAVAL PORTS/SUPPRESSING EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW CAMBODIAN REGIME. SAYS PUBLICLY THERE IS NO SIGN OF CHINESE SUCCESS. QUOTES NCNA'S EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TALKS WILL END IN AGREEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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